



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

April 20, 2025

SUNDAY TIMES

7:45am	Prayer
8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Ecclesiastes

Room 167: Romans

Room 168: Judges

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant

Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing

Discipleship: Robust and Transformational

Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Come People Of The Risen King¹

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
“Our God is All in All.”

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

from Psalm 118

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
worship.

Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

PEOPLE: that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

LEADER: This is the gate of the Lord;

PEOPLE: the righteous shall enter through it.

LEADER: I thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

PEOPLE: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made;

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Hymn of Praise

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Reading of the Word

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in Heaven, according to your Word, Christ died for our sins. Yet, we confess we often hope that our attempts at good works will make up for our sins instead of relying on Jesus. According to your Word, Christ was raised from the dead, confirming the promise of eternal life as a gift. Yet, we confess that we are prone to doubt, thus living in guilt and shame. We ask you to renew your grace in us today so that we may have confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ, assurance of the forgiveness of sins, and enduring hope for eternal life.

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

1 CORINTHIANS

15:1-11

Good News of First Importance

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

ROMANS 8:31-34

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Hallelujah, He's Alive!

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he,
Full atonement, can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Hallelujah, Christ has won! Now the grave is overcome!
Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!*

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Oh the joy of Sunday's dawn! Now the curse of sin is gone!
So we sing redemption's song: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!

Christ Is Risen, He's Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died,
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
For joy awakes as dawning light,
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave,
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

*He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.*

Worthy Is The Lamb/Crown Him

In the cross, in the cross, by my glory ever;
'Til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love you came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know...Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God.
Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.*

Worthy is the Lamb, crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon the throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem
Drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all Eternity.

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

Singing to the Lord

My Savior Lives

Kids Choirs

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

His Tithes & Offerings

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Sermon

Isn't That Unbelievable?

Acts 17:1-15 (Page 926)

Pastor Scott Phillips

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

ROMANS 15:13

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

John Elder	Kris Olin
James Fudge	William Sasser
Braden Ladner	Sam Thompson
Wade Littrell	David Whitcomb
Scott Missildine	David Zajic
Bill Nelson	

CHURCH STAFF

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Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator



VBS Child
Registration



VBS Volunteer
Registration

If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use them as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons throughout April. Nomination cards are available in the foyer and should be turned into the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering those called to serve!

Iron Man Night

Men 16+, join us at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle) on Friday, April 25, from 6:00–8:00 PM for food, fellowship, and encouragement with former Auburn football player Anthony Brown. Enjoy smoked meats (drinks provided, BYOB) and bring a side or dessert to share. Come early to shoot and hang out!

Bridal Table Shower

Sunday, April 27 for Karli Stewart & Jacob Phillips. There is a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at The Knot.

Baby Table Shower

Sunday, May 4 for Jonah & Hayley Little. Help us encourage them as they begin this new stage of life. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts. They are registered on Amazon.

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